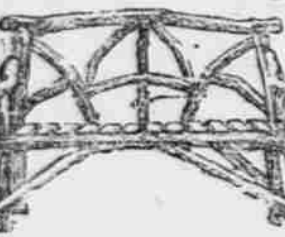


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accompanying the Knights Templar to

Boston, on August 25. No doubt about

their being heard on the 30th of July at

the Grand Opera House.

FEELS HE WAS SLANDERED.

Dennis Fitzgerald's Suit for Damages

Against Margaret Burns.

Dennis Fitzgerald, a cattle dealer, has

brought suit against Margaret Burns for

\$5,000 for alleged slander.

Mr. Fitzgerald set forth in his declara-

tion, filed yesterday, that it had been his

custom for a long time to feed his cattle

with the newly grown grass from many of

the public parks for the recreation of the

city. The grass, he said, was given him

upon condition that he would carry it

away.

The slanderous words of which he com-

plains were uttered on July 11, he states,

when the defendant said to him, in the

presence of several witnesses, "You are

solting the government."

PALMER FORCED TO ADMIT

He Went to Alexander Island
Track to Enlist Support.

SHERIFF CAUSED A SURPRISE

Hearing of Election Case Enlivened by
Confession That Superintendent
Strahan Was Asked to Help the
Sheriff—Witnesses Furnish a Di-
rectory of Alleged Illegal Voters.

The hearing of the contested election case of Alexandria county will probably occupy the time of the court for the remainder of this week and probably a part of next week. The judge, lawyers and spectators are rapidly becoming tired of the case and it may be hurried on and closed by Saturday night.

Yesterday was occupied entirely in the examination of witnesses for the contestants, broken occasionally by a wordy argument between the attorneys as to the order of asking a question.

Something of a sensation was caused when Mr. W. H. Palmer, the new sheriff of the county elected on the reform ticket, acknowledged that he had gone to Alexander Island and interested a Mr. Strahan, superintendent of the track there, in the fight in his behalf.

The contestants closed their line of testimony in regard to the violation of the Walton law at the Four Mile Run polls, and began the impeachment of those voters whose right to vote at the election is questioned.

Four witnesses were put upon the stand and each of them testified to the fact that a number of the voters named were non-residents of Alexandria county and had therefore no legal right to vote.

The contestants had all day the best of the argument, and unless "Little Dicky" Johnston has some very strong testimony in support of his case, the case is going to be a close one.

Mr. Johnson had asked Palmer if there had been any trouble between Hume and Douglas at the Four Mile Run precinct during the Lee-Hume campaign, eight years ago.

Mr. Moore, for the contestants, objected to the question on the ground that it was a collateral matter and had no bearing on the questions at issue. The second was finally appealed to, and it was shown that the court had already asked similar questions to be asked, and the court therefore allowed this question.

Witness said that there had been, and in the controversy Mr. Hume had called Mr. Douglas a liar.

Under the direct examination the witness said he did not know whether he had received the race track votes or not in his contest for sheriff. He acknowledged that he had called upon Mr. Strahan, one of the men on the island track, and had gotten his assistance in the election.

Mr. Moore remarked that after that he did not much blame Mr. Palmer for not seeing what went on at the Four Mile Run polls on election day, and Palmer was not sworn.

He told the story of the trouble between Butler and Simon, with no mention of George Saunders, but by the other witnesses.

Witness Butler by sight, and had been a voter for eight years. He had heard Mr. Butler, of Alexandria, and knew he had never voted before at the Four Mile Run precinct.

During the day of election one of the judges, Henry C. Butler, by name, had brought a bottle of liquor out the judges' room, and witness had warned him he had better throw it away.

Then a beautiful colloquy took place between the attorneys, and the judge called to order and told them to proceed to business.

Continuing, witness said that Duncan and his cousin had, after the Simon-Butler trouble, come into the judges' room and demanded the removal of Simon. Witness said seven George Saunders passed by the window several times during the course of the day.

HE HEARD THREATS.

On direct examination, witness stated that voters in order to get to the judge's window from the south would have to pass through the disorderly crowd. The way from the north was open. He had heard threats, but could not make out what was said, as he was in the judge's room all day.

The contestants then asked that Mr. J. O. Sawyer, the special constable, be recalled to the stand. Mr. Armstrong stated the reason was to open up a new branch of the examination, that of showing a number of those who voted in the May 30 election had not the right to vote, and he read a number of authorities allowing the recall of a witness. The court allowed the witness to be recalled, and an exception was noted.

Sawyer stated that he was employed at the island track, and was asked if he knew the true name of the man who had been called "Caste" by the contestants. He knew Ben Burrell, who was employed as a rubber at the track. He stayed on the island and came from the Gloucester track. He knew Thomas B. Curry as a trainer of horses at the Benning's track. Did not know whether he stayed at Alexander Island.

He knew Curry had his horses at Benning's last fall. He knew J. E. Dempsey for the past three years. Always understood that he lived in Washington, on the Avenue, between Fourth and Fifth streets. He knew William Fajolu lived in Washington and followed the race track as a business.

Did not know when he came to Virginia. Fajolu spent a portion of his time at Alexander Island and a portion in Washington.

Witness did not know William Foster, but did know Frank Foster. Witness had been told that he was a gambler, but did not know where he resided. He knew W. T. Freedly to be

a hanger around Jackson City; last winter he worked in a boarding house.

Witness did not know that Freedly had a residence in Alexandria county. Witness knew James Hooker, who had told him that he came from Gloucester in the spring of 1894. He went to and from Washington until he was employed by Dickie Johnson, P. Cavannah, the witness said, came from the Gloucester track last fall. He was employed as a track hand and slept in the stables. John Mulligan was a hostler at the Alexander Island track; could not say when he came to the track.

POLICY WRITER NELSON.

Witness could not say what was the business of Andrew Nelson; understood that he was a policy writer. Nelson boarded at Grove's place on Columbia road. Know that John W. Patton and his son were engaged in the saloon business at Jackson City. The older Patton had said he lived on Thirty-third street, in Georgetown, and had heard the son refer to Washington as his home.

Witness knew one James Smith, a white hostler at the Jackson City track. The first time witness saw him was last April. Smith came from the Gloucester track, and had been in the horse business, and resided at the Jackson City track. He was now at St. Asaph with his horses. John J. Butts was employed as a trainer in Capt. Mulligan's stable at Alexander Island, but witness could not tell where he came from.

Sawyer testified that Fred W. Brooks kept a boarding house at the Alexander Island track, inside the enclosure. Could not tell whether he was married, nor where his parents live. C. H. Douglas had told witness that he came from Gloucester. He was a race track follower and came to the track in the spring of 1894.

Witness knew George Gardner and G. W. Jennings came to the island track from Gloucester. Witness knew Thomas McKenney came from South Carolina, but was now a trainer at Alexander Island. H. E. Kramer was a cook the island track, and had a small shop there. Sawyer said he heard Kramer say he was from Gloucester; slept at his cook shop. William Washington was employed as a rubber at Alexander Island. Witness had heard him say he came from Virginia. He slept in one of the stalls at the track.

On cross-examination, Mr. Sawyer said he had been a resident of the county for eighteen months. He had been employed at the island track. There were fully 400 persons at the track that changes were constantly taking place. Witness could not say how many men had been employed there constantly. He went to the St. Asaph track in March, and could not say anything of the persons employed there before that time. Witness was then excused.

MANY OF THEM TOUTS.

John F. Field, a special constable at the island, testified similarly concerning Ben Burrell, Thomas V. Perry, Lee Candler, J. E. Dempsey, Frank Foster, Joseph Hogan, P. Cavannah, Frank Morris, John Mulligan, Andrew Nelson, J. W. Patton, and J. J. Butts. He described many of them as gamblers, with no settled abode.

In reply to a question witness said he did not know what instruction had been given out by Strahan to the voters on the island track as to how they should vote.

On cross-examination witness said he was a friend of Mr. Hume and knew Mr. Hume did not go to Alexander Island to solicit votes. Witness voted for Johnson for commonwealth's attorney.

R. J. Miller, the next witness, gave the names of many track men, and had voted but who claim homes in other cities.

Witness said that when the Alexander Island track closed last winter many of the persons about whom he had been questioned remained at the track.

At the afternoon session Mr. Howard H. Young was called to the stand. Mr. Young stated that he had been a resident of the county since 1872 and clerk of the county court since 1888. He was asked if he knew some eight or ten of the voters whose names were being called, and he replied that he knew some of them, though he was very well acquainted with the voters of the county, having made several canvasses for his office.

Sheriff Palmer was recalled and asked if he knew Frank K. Foster and Frank Foster, Jr. He said he did not that they were gamblers, that he had heard of them, but did not know where they lived. He had served all except eight or ten.

Other witnesses were then called and not being present, Mr. Moore, for the contestants, arose and stated that he wished to read a portion of the depositions taken by the defense. Mr. Sten objected.

After some further argument, the court ruled that the depositions could not be read until the contest was decided, and he later, without being bound by the rules of evidence.

TOLD OF THE RAID.

Sheriff Palmer was again called to the stand. He was interrogated by the contestants as to the raid on the island track, and he stated that he had been summoned in the court. He was then told of the raid on Foster's gambling place, and said it was located in Arlington district.

Other witnesses were recalled to the stand. Mr. Hume stated that he had been on the board of supervisors, and had a thorough knowledge of the voters of Jefferson district. Witness did not know William Burrell, John Butts, Frederick Brooks, Arthur Brooks, John Carroll, and a number of others, who claimed to be residents of the county, and had voted.

On cross-examination Mr. Johnson took from the colored registration book the first ten names, but Mr. Hume could not recognize any of the names. He stated that the negroes had been offered to him in companies for sale, and he did not know them personally.

Mr. W. C. Whitely, county treasurer, was then sworn. Mr. Whitely stated that he had every opportunity as county treasurer to become acquainted with the voters of the county. A long list of names, including residents of Jefferson district, was read, and he failed to recognize any of them with one or two exceptions.

Mr. Johnson opened the case for the defendants by making a motion that the contestants be not-suited.

Mr. Armstrong took in opposition, but the court, at 6:30 p. m., adjourned, with the understanding that the argument would be concluded this morning.

Flowers for Policeman Greer.

Policeman George Greer last night looked up Lewis Scott and William Harris, colored, for disorderly assembly on Eighteenth street near S. northwest. This is the first arrest made by Greer since he returned to duty after having come from the hospital. Greer has been the recipient of several large bouquets from ladies in the neighborhood where he was assaulted by the Minors.

AVAIL FATE OF CHILD

Little Cora Ferguson's Braid Car-
ried Flames to Her Dress.

DIED FROM TERRIBLE BURNS

She Was Employed in Fox's Grocery
and in Looking Under a Counter
Used a Match—Her Hair Touched
the Light and Caught Fire—Dr.
Johnson Burned in Assisting Her.

Friends and neighbors gathered last night in and around the home of William J. Ferguson, at the northeast corner of Third and Maryland avenues northeast, speaking words of sympathy and comfort, and taking in whispers of the tragedy which had brought its burden of woe to the family in the death by fire of their little girl, Cora.

The fatal accident occurred at Fox's confectionery, at Third and E northeast, at 7 p. m. The little sufferer was taken as quickly as possible to her home, and lingered there till seven minutes before 6 o'clock, when death brought relief. The funeral will take place probably Sunday at the Adventist's Church, on Eighth street northeast, between F and G.

Cora had been employed at Fox's since she came out of school for the summer vacation, having gone to work on May 30. She was a bright and lovable child, and had won the confidence of her employer. She had just come in to work a little after noon yesterday with a little companion, and after a few moments' talk her playmate had gone.

Cora turned to get something she wanted from under the counter and to see what was there she struck a match.

As she swung it into the shadow under the heavy pine board, the tip of the flame caught in some tissue paper. The frightened child attempted to put this out and as she did so the flames, leaping up, touched her hair, and in a moment it was in a blaze.

FLAMES CAUGHT HER SLEEVE.

It took a brand down her back but was only a little and escaped an easy light. As she seized the braid to draw it through her hands and put out the fire, the flame came in contact with the sleeve of her dress.

A lawn of the lightest summer texture, and in a flash the dress was aflame and the child was screaming. Her mother, who was standing by her, ran to her and tried to smother the flames, but she was too late.

Frank G. Johnson, who has recently moved from Rhode Island avenue near Fourteenth street northwest, to Maryland avenue near Eleventh street northwest, happened to be passing by the door.

He comprehended the situation at a glance, and ran to the rescue. He seized the child in his arms and threw her lightly on the ground, and then ran to the door. He had hardly done so when Policeman Williams, on the beat, came running to his help, and together they finally succeeded in extinguishing the flames, leaving a smoking mass of clothing and seething flesh, a sight dreadful to see.

A crowd gathered almost at the same instant, and tender and sympathetic hands reached out to the little one. Sullivan's grocery at the southeast corner of Third and E streets, where the child was sitting, was closed.

Policeman Williams ran into Fox's, from where the child was sitting, and asked if the house was safe, and then, finding the fire there had gone out, he hurried to call the police ambulance.

Meanwhile Mr. Charles Greer, with others, had cut away the charred fragments of underclothing while Dr. Johnson hurried to procure means to relieve the little girl's suffering, and another doctor, Dr. R. Boyd at the corner of Second and B streets northeast.

When the ambulance arrived the physicians had partly dressed the terrible burns that covered the body from the throat to the feet.

ALL EAGER TO HELP.

She was carried to a stretcher and carried to the wagon, then hauled slowly to the residence. There she was tenderly borne to her own room from which she had gone so happy and full of life in the morning and from which she was never to go back in death.

There the heart-broken family, father and mother, brothers and sisters, gathered around her all eager to do something to ease the pain of the little one, and waiting in terrible suspense the low-spoken comments and orders of the physicians.

Trying every other remedy with the hope that there might still be a chance of life the doctors finally gave morphine in sufficient quantity to bring on a stupor which relieved the patient's suffering, but she was unable to breathe, and her little hands could not save from outward touch the chances of life.

The skin had been scorched away at every point almost and hung in strips and flakes till cut away, and nothing could be done to supply its place. The morphine alone could save the sufferer, though it lessened the chances of life.

It was in the moments while fighting to save the little girl that pitiful scenes occurred.

Mr. Ferguson, who is a coppermith employed at the new library building, had been summoned at first alarm. He sat by the child's bedside, holding her hand, while she gasped and moaned in the tortures of fire.

"Oh, papa, papa," she cried again and again, "I don't want to die. I did all I could. I put my apron to my mouth to keep from breathing the flames into my lungs."

SHOCK WAS FATAL.

And the doctors said she might have lived but for the terrible shock. She had not drawn the fire into her lungs and her breathing was good and favorable to recovery.

As long as there was a chance to leave nature to do its part, unhampered by the influence of opium, there was hope. But the burns were too deep and too terrible. The drug had to be administered to allow the nervous system a little relief. If she had the strength to come from under it she might live.

On Friday morning she had been given at 3 o'clock she sank slowly into unconsciousness, from which she never recovered.

Cora May Ferguson was born in Washington in January, 1883. Her father is a native of this city, and has lived here all his life, most of the time in the northeast.

Cora attended school at the Lenox Building for a long time, and had reached the fifth grade. Miss Vandewater was her teacher. She had recently been transferred to the Peabody School.

Her parents attend the Christadelphian Church, which worships in the house of the Adventists, and Cora was in the Sunday-school class of Mrs. Mary Traynor.

Dr. Frank Johnson, in his efforts to save the little girl's life, was severely burned in the face, on the hands and on one shoulder, his coat being burned almost off.

SAVED FROM THE FLAMES.

Mother and Children Rescued by Policeman and Friends.

A fire which threatened to result disastrously broke out about 10 o'clock last night in the bakery and residence of M. F. Knoop, at No. 1510 Fourteenth street northeast, and but for the efficient service of the fire department the baker's house and two children would have been burned to death.

In some way fire was communicated to a small can of kerosene in the lower floor of the bakery, and the fluid exploded with a loud report.

It took but a few minutes for the burning kerosene fluid to spread, and in an instant the upper part of the building was in flames.

Some one turned in an alarm from box 241, and the fire department and police reserve from the second precinct responded promptly.

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the flames were coming out of the lower windows and had burned the stairway, cutting off all exit from the upper stories.

Streams were soon playing on the fire and ladders were raised to the third story windows where numbers of Knoop's family could be seen crying for help.

They were soon brought safely down the ladders by policemen, and fire ladders, and then all attention was centered upon the fire, which was extinguished in about twenty minutes. The loss to the property was not much, being between \$200 and \$300, fully insured.